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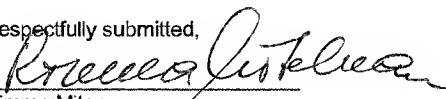
Applicants herewith submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the above identified application.

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Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. The following information is intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-identified application. Comments accompanying the documents, if any comments are included, are believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of the documents. However, any such comments are not intended to take the place of the Examiner's independent consideration of each document. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists these documents.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	4,671,896	06/09/87	Mueller	252	140	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6	2 579 990	10/10/86	France			NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS

	7	PCT International Search Report in a PCT application PCT/EP2004/010942
	8	GB Search Report in a GB application GB 0325617.9

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